



## **Fairwinds Community Association**

March 2, 2016

Sobey's Stittsville

### **APPROVED Minutes**

Chaired by: Glen Gower, President

Minutes taken by: Joe Boughner, Secretary

#### Attendance

- Debby Jo Hill, Vice-President
- Karrie Granger, Director
- Pauline Bond, Director

#### **1. Called to order (19:39)**

- Glen noted it's the fourth Fairwinds AGM
- Recognized and thanked Councillor Qadri
- Recognized and thanked first time attendees

#### **2. Approval of the agenda**

- Moved by Debby Jo
- Seconded by Joe

#### **3. Approval of minutes from 2015 AGM**

- Moved by Debby Jo
- Seconded by Joe

#### **4. President's update (19:41)**

- See appended notes

#### **5. Treasurer's update**

- Glen walked through the attached financial statement on behalf of Alex Chen, who sent his regrets
- **Approval of the financial statements:**
  - Moved by Karrie; Seconded by Debby Jo. Carried by vote

#### **6. Motion – Amended Constitution Appendix A: Boundary**

- See agenda handout
- **Adding streets in Northwest corner of Fairwinds**
  - Moved by Debby Jo; Seconded by Chad Wagar. Carried by vote

#### **7. Board member voting (19:54)**

- Glen explained the mechanics of board positions

- Vice President
  - Glen nominated Joe Boughner
  - No further nominations
  - Joe Boughner elected by acclamation
- Secretary
  - Glen nominated Karrie Granger
  - No further nominations
  - Karrie Granger elected by acclamation
- Treasurer
  - Glen nominated Alex Chen
  - No further nominations
  - Alex Chen elected by acclamation
- **Verify executive positions by vote**
  - Moved by Glen; Seconded by Debby Jo. Carried by vote
- Four open positions for Director at Large
  - Nominations
    - Sean Toogood
    - Martin Stein
    - Tara Jowett
    - Eric Felhaber
  - **Motion to accept four nominees**
    - Moved by Glen; Seconded by Karrie

## 8. Traffic and pedestrian safety (20:05)

- Karrie Granger provided an update on the FCA's work on this issue.
  - See attached presentation slides
- Role of FCA is to make Fairwinds a better place to live; these issues divide the neighbourhood and become contentious. Keeping people informed and playing advocacy role is job of the FCA. Karrie wants to broker consensus then advocate at the city level.
- City can't know how to solve the issues if we can't prioritize them. People will complain but not bring solutions forward. Difficult as a community to get beyond step of simply pointing out issues. FCA trying to facilitate this.
- Example is the Huntmar-Maple Grove intersection. Four way stop sucked so traffic light was the solution. But, with use, it became clear the design of the intersection is not ideal. The options the city provided for the redesign (via the FCA) after the initial community meeting didn't address the main priorities of the community. FCA surveyed the members to get understanding of what ideal solution would be. Community largely reached consensus on new solution beyond what was proposed by city staff. Feedback was provided to Councillor Qadri's office based on the community consultations and city is moving forward with that design.
- This is a model we can build on going forward for other traffic and pedestrian safety issues. Challenge is prioritizing. So FCA needs to help facilitate this prioritization process.
- Consultation was started through the community Facebook page in February. FCA wants to put together a working group but there has been little take up on this from residents so move to Facebook was needed.
- Some issues are more feasible than others, so community priority isn't only

factor.

- Karrie highlighted efforts of residents to find simple solutions as well, citing the resident that offered her driveway during a recent snow storm and parking ban.
- Karrie then walked through the presentation including the grouping of suggestions and the survey process (which remains open).
  - Redesign of Huntmar and Maple Grove
  - Traffic calming near the park
  - Pedestrian crossovers on Maple Grove
  - City assessment of parking (possibility of no parking zones)
  - Reduce speed limit on Maple Grove (enforcement)
  - Increase enforcement on Huntmar
  - Pedestrian crossover on Huntmar
  - Stoop and scoop signs on pedestrian pathways
  - Metal plate at the water park
  - Speed bumps on Maple Grove
- Next step will be to close the survey and submit a report to Councillor Qadri's office.
- Other priorities on the radar as well
  - Commercial traffic on Huntmar (addressed by a resident already)
  - Rosehill extension and subsequent possible issues
- Noted that some changes require demonstrable community support and boots on the ground (60% of residents on a road must approve speed reduction etc.)
- Karrie closed with a call to action from residents.
- A resident asked about the end result of the Huntmar and Maple Grove intersection
  - Karrie explained the solution
- Glen noted that there are unintended consequences to every action (citing the intersection), explained why these can be complicated issues.
- Glen noted we could extend the "borrow a driveway" idea using a ride board model for the FCA website.
- A resident noted that some residents go away for the winter and could offer their driveways too.
- A resident asked how we can encourage more residents to use their garage for their cars instead of storage; Karrie noted she had floated a "hair-brained" (her word) idea for a bulk purchase of sheds.
  - Karrie noted that community solutions on these issues are better than bylaw calls, which are warranted but can cause tensions.
- A resident asked if a no parking zone would require the same 60% threshold from the community. Karrie didn't know and said if this becomes a priority we would work with the city on process.

#### **Non agenda item (20:24)**

- Pat from Grounds Café arrived with treats and goodies for the meeting. Glen invited him to introduce himself and his locally-owned café opening soon in Fairwinds.
- Glen called a five-minute recess so people could get a snack and coffee.

## 9. Councillor Qadri update (20:36)

- Councillor Qadri introduced himself and Georgina from his office.
- He acknowledged the role of community associations in a city as large as Ottawa and why he feels we're important.
- Councillor Qadri gave an overview of the Stittsville Ward and the history of the Stittsville area. He highlighted the area from Shea down Fernbank to Terry Fox and Hazeldean called Fernbank Lands. He noted the city initially wanted to leave this area undeveloped by the OMB ruled against the city based on petitions from the landowners (circa 2002). A community design plan was created and is available on the Councillor's website. He noted that the plan includes a major thoroughfare in this community (Robert Grant Way) which currently goes to Abbott / Iber area; in future it will go up between Toys R Us and Winners, cross Maple Grove, then turn towards Huntmar and loop around to connect to Palladium. This will become the new major north-south thoroughfare in the area.
- 2011 census showed 27,000 residents in Stittsville. 2015 study (not census) shows 34,000. Should grow to 70,000 residents when all developments are done.
- Councillor Qadri noted that Stittsville Main may intersect with Maple Grove but the Councillor has asked them to hold back as Maple Grove isn't ready to take that traffic volume; original plan was for Main to connect to Palladium.
- Councillor Qadri also discussed the development in Potter's Key and the debate over the Hazeldean connection. He explained how he drove political pressure to force Minto to at least establish a construction road as first residents move into.
- He also noted that density is required in developments for the city to extend services such as transit, which is why new developments have been designed in the area as they are. Mattamy had proposed "rear lane townhomes" as you see in Fairwinds; the city is responsible for clearing the snow in the lanes because utilities are laid under these lanes, which isn't fair to single homes where banks are not necessarily cleared. Future developments may include a condo fee style model. Future developments may also consider visitor parking set ups.
- He explained that driveway widening in Stittsville has been an attempt to address parking issues because the desired ratio of 1.5-2 parking spaces per home hasn't been maintained.
- Councillor Qadri provided an update on the Maple Grove / Huntmar intersection. He noted that when the traffic light was installed, the northbound lanes on Huntmar south of the intersection was already urbanized with sidewalks etc; the east-west lanes weren't. The alignment issue came as a result of this. He provided an overview of the final design. Changes will begin starting with grinding off the changed lines asap, then painted in spring.
  - A resident asked if there would be signage announcing the changes. Councillor Qadri confirmed there will be.
- The councillor thanked the FCA for its work over the last four years and presented the park plan for Fairwinds West. The city is accepting comments electronically up until March 14.
  - A resident asked if this was the potential park for a dog park. The councillor confirmed that it is not. He added there will be a new park in

Fairwinds with a major soccer field allotment but this is at least 10 years out.

- Councillor Qadri discussed traffic calming on Rosehill. He said the developers should put traffic calming measures in when building the new developments and extending Rosehill. He noted the city doesn't readily support speed bumps because of impacts of them in communities (snow plows, school busses and firetrucks as examples). He said speed humps and risers in intersections are now the preferred solution. He also pointed to flex stake signs as a newer solution and said they could be added to Rosehill east of the traffic circle. He reiterated that it's better to get the developers to pay for it.
- He closed by encouraging residents to sign up for his community newsletter.
- A resident asked about the soccer field in the new park, whether it would be available for league bookings (and associated traffic) or if it's just for casual use (there's no parking lot)
  - Councillor Qadri noted that any city field is open for city use so it can be booked by leagues but they often sit open and unused for casual use.
- A resident asked about the storm pond east of the community.
  - The councillor explained it's being filled after permanent pond is built next to city facility on Maple Grove. There is no timeline but work will start this summer.
- A resident asked if there will be a construction road for the pond work
  - Councillor explained construction traffic will use Maple Grove, not residential roads.
- A resident expressed concerns about Robert Grant since the last phase of the road is the Huntmar bypass. So as it's developed in the interim, Huntmar will see an increased volume of traffic from the south. He asked how traffic can be directed to Terry Fox to avoid Huntmar being used as a north south thoroughfare.
  - The councillor said in his estimation, currently, most traffic from the south and west goes down Hazeldean to Terry Fox or Eagleson. He said smaller commercial vehicles are allowed on any road.
  - A resident added that the Huntmar widening may make this problem worse.
  - A resident noted that Tanger is also increasing the volume issues.
- A resident asked how to ensure that traffic calming budgets are exhausted this year given the high priority.
  - Councillor Qadri said the remaining \$33,000 was rolled into 2016 so budget for 2016 will be \$73,000. He also said the money wasn't available at the start of the year so there wasn't time to get all desired projects in place.
  - A resident asked if pedestrian crossovers on Huntmar would be considered traffic calming. The councillor explained there's a specific process for the new model of pedestrian crossovers so the city isn't sure where they may fit. But yes, they'd be considered traffic calming. He also noted that until recently mid-block crosswalks weren't allowed under the Highway Traffic Act but the city is pushing on this issue.
- A resident noted that many vehicles are good about stopping for pedestrians at the traffic circle.
- A resident asked if there would be tax implications for residents should the

Senators move to Lebreton Flats.

- Councillor Qadri explained that there would be no tax changes but there are concerns about local businesses such as restaurants. He said there have been conversations with the Senators about the future of the site and they have plans to keep something in place.
- A resident asked about the Huntmar and Maple Grove intersection and why there can't be a flashing green light for turns.
  - The councillor said he has not yet heard back from city staff.
- A resident asked about the timeline on the Robert Grant thoroughfare.
  - Phase 1 is done.
  - Negotiations are underway on Phase 2 (5-9 years) to Hazeldean
  - Phase 3 is 12-15 years (to Palladium)
- A resident asked about the area to the south west of Maple Grove and Terry Fox (Richcraft) and the impact of development on the Carp River
  - The councillor confirmed they are building alongside the River in that area.
- The councillor concluded by thanking the new directors for stepping forward and by thanking Hien for his work on the rink.

#### **10. Other business (21:31)**

- A resident noted that the community's first Neighbourhood Watch has been formally established on Tempest; he called for volunteers and also offered to help other blocks set up as well. He said the next target would be Rosehill west of the traffic circle. Information was made available at the meeting to those who are interested.
  - A resident asked how many houses are participating. The answer is 37 houses. He noted that on Halloween there was a suspicious vehicle in the area claiming to be Neighbourhood Watch. This was the impetus for creating the Watch in the area. He talked about their approach and noted it has been good for community building on their street.

#### **11. Adjournment (21:40)**



## Community Association

### **President's Report – Annual General Meeting, February 24, 2016**

We've had a great year for the FCA: Successful events (even if the weather didn't always co-operate), many volunteers, great support from local businesses, and progress on community issues.

#### **Events:**

- 2015 Winter Skating Party last February. Over 100 people attended.
- Annual "Cleaning up the Capital" and "Community Garage Sale" events in the spring. Many volunteers & participants but attendance was down for both.
- First outdoor movie night in August at Rosehill Park. Dozens of families attended.
- Annual Fairwinds BBQ in September. It was a rainy day but it went ahead. A few activities had to be cancelled but still good attendance.
- Warm weather forced the cancellation of our Winter Skating Party this year, but we are hoping to reschedule for another weekend.
- Overall our events generated nearly \$1,000 that was donated to Sens Foundation and CHEO.

#### **Bandmaster Rink:**

- The FCA is the sponsor/operator of the skating rink at Bandmaster Park, which is run by a dedicated group of volunteers. Thanks to rinkmaster Hien Hoang and all of his crew for their work this year.

#### **Business support:**

- At least 30 local businesses have supported us with cash or in-kind donations to help us run events and activities
- Thank you especially to Mattamy and CIBC who have made significant contributions to the Fairwinds Community Association.
- We've always strived to make our events free for the community, and we are able to do that with the strong support from our business community.

### **Roads and Traffic:**

- The biggest issue in our community continues to be around traffic, parking and pedestrian safety. As a board we put a lot of focus into these areas and I believe we did make progress.
- In October Councillor Qadri organized a meeting with police and city planners. About a dozen residents attended, and it helped establish a better working relationship between the FCA & City.
- Traffic lights replaced the 4-way-stop at Huntmar and Maple Grove in the summer. They have been good and bad. Good: improved pedestrian safety, helped some of the flow issues. Bad: The lane configuration is confusing & potentially dangerous. The lines are set to be re-painted soon, weather permitting.
- We continue to work with our councillor, city staff, and police to reduce commercial and construction truck traffic.
- We were pleased to see that the City will be looking at accelerating the widening of Huntmar to four lanes, north of Maple Grove. Currently it's scheduled for 2026; that could move up to 2018. That would mean the bridge over the Queensway gets widened to include sidewalks. What was once a farm road will finally be upgraded to meet the requirements of a growing community.
- We continue to work with our councillor and city staff to encourage the completion the road infrastructure around our neighbourhood, especially the North-South Arterial, which would reduce the amount of cut-through traffic through Fairwinds.

### **Other issues:**

- **The Carp Road Landfill:** We're a part of COLA – the Coalition for Landfill Accountability – working to raise awareness and ensure Waste Management and the City live up to their promises and obligations regarding the Carp Road Landfill expansion.
- **Development:** Some of the more active files included 173 Huntmar and 180 Huntmar, just north of us. The Bradley-Craig Farm at 580 Hazeldean Road. The Keg Restaurant – currently on hold – at Huntmar and Hazeldean.
- **Dog parks:** Last summer we hosted a discussion with residents, city bylaw and city parks staff. Since then, Councillor Qadri says he's working with home developers to see if a dog park can be built in the new Poole Creek / Fairwinds West subdivision.

### **Thanks to our Board of Directors:**

- A community association is successful when it has a strong leadership group and I am very grateful to our team. There's always turnover in community associations – people change jobs, people move, people are busy with families – but we've been lucky to have a stable and talented board this year.
- Thank you to our outgoing board members: Debby Jo Hill, Kim Prachar, Samantha Ball, and Candace Carson.



**What's next?**

- My goals for 2016 will be to build our volunteer base and membership base. We're a fast-growing community and there are many people who don't know about the FCA or our events. I want to make sure it's easy to find us and easy to get involved.
- We also need to figure out "what is Fairwinds"? Do we expand our community association to include Fairwinds West and Poole Creek Village? What about the Maple Grove developments coming soon just east of us?

I'm looking forward to working with our board and volunteers to build an even better community.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Glen Gower*  
*President, Fairwinds Community Association*

Fairwinds Community Association  
Statement of Operations and Net Assets  
For the year ended December 31, 2015  
(Unaudited)

Revenue

Membership	\$ 80.00
Money trf from Trust acct	\$ 95.10
Donation	\$ 1,300.00
Donation/Sponsor - BBQ/movie night	\$ 370.00
Fundraising - Summer BBQ	\$ 848.84
Rink grant	<u>\$ 1,100.00</u>
	<u>\$ 3,793.94</u>

Expenses

Bank charges	\$ 89.85
Donation to Sens Foundation	\$ 300.00
Donation to CHEO	\$ 620.00
Winter carnival	\$ 525.00
Donation to Halloween party	\$ 100.00
Insurance - Summer BBQ	\$ 135.00
Drinks - Summer BBQ	\$ 251.60
Face printing - Summer BBQ	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
	<u>\$ (2,321.45)</u>

Excess of revenue over expenses for the period \$ 1,472.49

Net assets, beginning of period \$ 190.69

Net assets, end of period \$ 1,663.18

Fairwinds Community Association  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at December 31, 2015  
(Unaudited)

Assets

Cash

\$ 1,663.18

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Net Assets

\$ 1,663.18

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